

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 2, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katya Grover, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 23, 1/26/2015; HB 24, 1/26/2015

00:01:22 Rep. Osmundson assumed Chairmanship.

HEARING ON HB 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:34 Rep. Casey Schreiner (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 23, Appropriate money for a forensic community corrections facility.

00:02:43 Chair Osmundson

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:54 Gary Mihelish, National Alliance For The Mentally Ill Montana (NAMI)

00:08:02 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance For The Mentally Ill Montana (NAMI)

00:11:01 May Simmons, self

00:14:55 John Wilkinson, self

EXHIBIT(aph23a01)

00:16:41 Rep. Ballance entered.

00:19:38 Jani McCall, Legacy Providers Group (LPG)

00:20:50 Rep. Ballance resumed Chairmanship.

00:20:56 Dan Aune, Mental Health America (MHA)

00:24:08 Courtney Berge, Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)

00:25:58 Beth Brennenman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

00:28:38 Kathy Dunks, Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)

00:30:43 Jon Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:31:42 Adriana Slaughter, Department of Corrections (COR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:07 Rep. Cuffe

00:32:49 Matt Kuntz, NAMI

00:33:44 Rep. Cuffe

00:33:59 Chair Ballance

00:34:10 Rep. Ehli

00:34:34 Rep. Holmlund

00:34:51 Rep. Schreiner

00:35:35 Rep. Cuffe

00:35:48 Rep. Schreiner

00:36:26 Rep. Brodehl

00:36:49 Adriana Slaughter, COR

00:37:40 Rep. Brodehl

00:37:56 Adriana Slaughter, COR

00:38:08 Rep. Brodehl

00:38:12 Chair Ballance

00:38:20 Rep. Schreiner

00:38:59 Rep. Tropila

00:39:17 Adriana Slaughter, COR
00:39:24 Rep. Tropila
00:39:52 Rep. Schreiner
00:40:20 Rep. Tropila
00:40:43 Rep. Schreiner
00:41:15 Rep. Tschida
00:41:52 Rep. Schreiner
00:42:14 Beth Brenneman, DRM
00:42:35 Rep. Cuffe
00:43:03 Rep. Schreiner
00:43:45 Rep. Cuffe
00:44:07 Adriana Slaughter, COR
00:45:09 Rep. Cuffe
00:45:16 Chair Ballance
00:45:21 Rep. Osmundson
00:45:46 Rep. Schreiner
00:46:22 Rep. Osmundson
00:46:24 Rep. Jones arrived.
00:46:32 Rep. Ehli
00:47:50 Rep. Brodehl
00:48:39 Rep. Ellis
00:49:18 Chair Ballance
00:49:31 Rep. Ellis
00:49:59 Chair Ballance
00:50:26 Rep. Holmlund
00:50:47 Rep. Schreiner
00:51:09 Chair Ballance
00:52:01 Dan Aune, MHA
00:54:34 Chair Ballance
00:55:02 Dan Aune, MHA
00:56:04 Rep. Woods
00:56:59 Chair Ballance
00:57:06 Rep. Hollandsworth

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:41 Rep. Schreiner

00:59:21 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 24**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:59:28 Rep. Casey Schreiner (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 24, Appropriate money for state-run mental health group home.

01:01:07 Chair Ballance

01:01:14 Rep. Schreiner

EXHIBIT(aph23a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:39 Kathy Dunks, Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)
01:03:53 Kathy McGowan, Mental Health Center (MHC)
01:05:14 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance For The Mentally Ill Montana (NAMI)
01:07:23 May Simmons, self
01:13:14 Dan Aune, Mental Health America (MHA)
01:13:57 Jani McCall, Legacy Providers Group (LPG)
01:15:54 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)
01:17:19 Gary Mihelish, National Alliance For The Mentally Ill Montana (NAMI)
01:19:01 John Wilkinson, self
01:22:22 Jon Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:22:39 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
01:23:22 Jon Metropoulos, AWARE Inc.

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

01:25:48 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:26:14 Glenda Oldenburg, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:26:30 Rep. Tropila
01:27:08 Rep. Schreiner
01:27:57 Rep. Tropila
01:28:10 Rep. Schreiner
01:28:37 Rep. Tropila
01:30:10 Beth Brenneman, DRM
01:31:14 Rep. Tropila
01:31:41 Glenda Oldenburg, AMDD
01:31:48 Rep. Ehli
01:32:24 Rep. Schreiner
01:32:55 Rep. Ehli
01:33:32 Rep. Schreiner
01:34:13 Rep. Hagstrom
01:35:20 Beth Brenneman, DRM

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:23 Rep. Schreiner
01:37:09 Chair Ballance
01:37:58 Rep. Ehli
01:38:27 Chair Ballance
01:38:51 Lois Steinbeck, LFD
01:39:31 Rep. Ehli
01:39:39 Chair Ballance
01:40:20 Rep. Ehli
01:40:38 Chair Ballance
01:41:31 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:41:42 Chair Ballance
01:41:48 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

ADJOURNMENT

01:42:08 Adjournment:

Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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